### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

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On page 1, before line 4, please insert the following paragraph:

# -- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of prior copending U.S. Application, Serial No. 09/759,265, filed January 16, 2001, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.--

On page 1, delete the paragraph beginning on line 4 and ending on line 7, and replace with the following paragraph:

# --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

### 1. Field of the Invention:

The invention relates to the production of potentially reactive gas mixtures and to the determination of schemes for mixing such gases.

# 2. Description of the Related Art: --.